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TAGS: UNESCO

SUBJECT: JORDANIAN DEMARCHE ON UNESCO

1. ON MAY 18 JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTER OF  
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SADIQ AS-SHARI PRESENTED  
DIPLOMATIC NOTE (TEXT BELOW) TO AMBASSADOR REGISTERING  
GOJ "SURPRISE" AT ATTITUDES OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES  
LIKE US IN REDUCING FINANCAIL ASSISTANCE TO UNESCO  
"THUS OBSTRUCTING ITS HUMANITARIAN MISSION."

2. TEXT: "AS UNESCO HAS ADOPTED ITS KNOWN RESOLUTION  
NO. 3-724, DURING THE 18TH SESSION BETWEEN OCTOBER 17-  
NOVEMBER 23, 1975, TO EXPRESS ITS SUPREME ENDS  
AND ITS CONCERN TO PROTECT THE HERITAGE OF CIVILIZATION,  
THE SPIRITUAL VALUES AND THE CONSERVE WORLD PEACE--  
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THIS RESOLUTION WHICH CONDEMNED ISRAEL BECAUSE OF ITS

EXCESSIVENESS IN PRACTICING THE JUDAIZATION OPERATIONS AGAINST ALL CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND CIVILIZED POSSESSIONS OF MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM AND THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED ARAB AREAS.

"THEREFORE, THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN, WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE ADOPTION OF THE SAID RESOLUTION, WHICH DEALS DIRECTLY WITH THE HEART OF ITS INTEREST, LOOKS WITH SURPRISE AT THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY SOME FRIENDLY COUNTRIES LIKE THE U.S., SWITZERLAND, BELGIUM AND FRANCE TOWARDS UNESCO, BY REDUCING THEIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO IT OR BY NOT FULFILLING THEM. THIS SITUATION OBSTRUCTS THE PROMOTION OF UNESCO'S HUMANITARIAN MISSION AND PLACES IT IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS BECAUSE OF ITS FAIR RESOLUTIONS WHICH CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI ACTS WHICH AIM AT CHANGING THE FEATURES OF JERUSALEM AND THE REST OF THE VILLAGES AND CITIES IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB AREAS.

"THEREFORE, THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN HOPES THOSE COUNTRIES WILL CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE AND APPEALS TO THEM TO SETTLE THEIR DUES TO THE 1975-1976 BUDGET OF UNESCO IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BINDING THOSE COUNTRIES WITH UNESCO, AND IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE RELIGIOUS, HUMANITARIAN AND CIVILIZED FEATURES IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB AREAS, AND IN ORDER TO ADHERE TO THE UN RESOLUTIONS, TO THE UN CHARTER AND TO THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN." END TEXT.

3. SHARI SAID IDENTICAL NOTE ALSO BEING PRESENTED TO U.K. BELGIUM, FRENCH AND SWISS REPRESENTATIVES. SHARI SAID GOJ UNDERTAKING DEMARCHE AT REQUEST OF ARAB LEAGUE. HE ADDED THAT ARABS HAVE GENERATED CONSIDERABLE HEAT ON SUBJECT BUT THAT GOJ NOTE TRIES TO PRESENT ACRIMONIOUS ISSUE IN AS "POLITE" A FASHION AS POSSIBLE.

4. AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT USG HAD NOT TAKEN ITS POSITION ON UNESCO ISSUE LIGHTLY OR HASTILY AND THAT IT WAS NOT DESIGNED AS MEASURE OF "POLITICAL RETALIATION" BUT RATHER AS REACTION TO WHAT WAS IN OUR VIEW AN IMPROPER ACTION AGAINST A RECOGNIZED MEMBER OF AN  
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. OUR POSITION HAS BEEN THAT UNESCO IS NOT PROPER ARENA IN WHICH TO HAVE TAKEN POLITICAL ACTION WHATEVER THE MERITS. AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE COULD HOLD OUT NO PROMISE THAT USG WOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE ITS POSITION, EH INDICATED HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET AN EARLY REPLY. SHARI SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE IN WRITING WHICH COULD BE FORWARDED TO ARAB LEAGUE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT FORWARD TEXT  
OF NOTE WE CAN PRESENT IN REPLY ON UNESCO ISSUE.  
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